



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services

MAYOR'S THRIVE BY FIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

February 17, 2021

Webex

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Coordinating Council Members

DC Agency Representatives

Name	Affiliation/Designation	Attendance	Designee	Attendance
Dr. Faith Gibson Hubbard	Thrive by Five Coordinating Council	present		
Ellen Riordan	District of Columbia Public Library	present		
Rayna Smith	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services	not present	Sakina Thompson	present
Carlie Fisherow	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education	not present		
Dr. Erica McClaskey	DC Health	present		
Michelle Walker-Davis	Public Charter School Board	present		
Dr. Cheryl Ohlson	DC Public Schools	present		
Brenda Donald	Child and Family Services Agency	present		
Dr. Barbara Bazron	Department of Behavioral Health	not present		
Theresa Early	Department of Human Services	present		
Vanessa Weatherington	Department of Employment Services	not present		
Shana Young	Office of the State Superintendent of Education	not present		



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Public Members

Name	Affiliation/Designation	Attendance
Yael Meirovich	Community Member Ward 1	present
Michelle Parrish	Community Member Ward 5	present
Ramin Taheri	Community Member Ward 6	not present
LaJoy Johnson-Law	Community Member Ward 8	present
Sara Mead	State Early Childhood Development Coordinating Council	present
Brenda Rhodes Miller	DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy	not present
Kimberly Perry	DC Action for Children	not present
Ruqiyyah Anbar-Shaheen	Home Visiting Council	present
Dominique Spencer	Jubilee Jumpstart	not present
Dr. Marla Dean	Bright Beginnings	present
Dr. Lenore Jarvis	DC Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics	present
Dr. Dea Sloan	DC Academy of Family Physicians	present
(unfilled)	American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology	
(unfilled)	Community Member Ward 2	
(unfilled)	Community Member Ward 3	
(unfilled)	Community Member Ward 4	
(unfilled)	Community Member Ward 7	

Other Attendees: Elizabeth Lujan (Unity Health Care), Andrew Lozano (DC Health), Mallory Mpare-Quarles (March of Dimes), Aza Nedhari (Mamatoto Village), Michelle Price (OSSE), Leigh Sims (Community Member) Tiffany Wilson (Thrive by Five DC), Mary Wozniak (Unity Health Care)



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Agenda

1. **Call to Order** **Council Chair**
 - Chair Dr. Faith Gibson Hubbard (Chair) called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.
 - Chair asked for folks to introduce themselves to the group by sharing their name and affiliation in the chat.
 - Chair shared the agenda for the meeting.

2. **Reflections from December Meeting** **Council Chair**
 - Chair provided a summary of December 16th meeting, with no additional points of discussion needing to be raised.

3. **COVID's Impact on Individual & Collective Work** **Council Members**
 - Chair opened discussion about what has changed as we near year one of the District's COVID-19 response with two questions: How has your work shifted? How have needs shifted?
 - Members noted the following shifts in work: working from home; organizing/facilitating virtual training for providers; finding ways to reach families who are unable to connect online; looking for ways to ease into a hybrid model; and advancements in telehealth.
 - Members noted the following shifts in needs: need for even greater collaboration; acknowledging barriers for those without access to a virtual space; support for families around technology; looking forward to recovery; focus on learning loss and what that means for Pre-K students; and looking ahead to think through chronic/long-term effects as a result of the pandemic.
 - Chair shared a timeline of work and where the Annual Report recommendations have been presented to date, including the DC State Board of Education, DC Hospital Association, and Perinatal Quality Collaborative.

4. **Leadership Transition and Planning** **Council Chair**
 - Dr. Faith Gibson Hubbard will be moving to the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs. Gibson Hubbard will continue to serve as Chair until a new Executive Director is appointed.



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- Chair requested that members think about what they want to see happen with the Council moving forward before moving into new subcommittee leadership.
- The Chair also shared the additional ex-officio members that will be involved in the Council subcommittees to ensure we have a wealth of expertise. Those members include: March of Dimes, DC Office of the Attorney General, Mamatoto Village, Safer Stronger DC, Cure the Streets, and The TraRon Center.

5. Subcommittee Structure

Council Chair

- Chair shared the subcommittee co-chairs who will lead subcommittee meetings, work to further define the roles of subcommittees, and convene subcommittees to implement recommendations.
 - Systems Navigation: Theresa Early (DHS), Dr. Marla Dean (Bright Beginnings)
 - Maternal Health: Dr. Erica McClaskey (DC Health); Aza Nedhari (Mamatoto Village)
 - Early Learning and Development: Ruiqiyyah Anbar-Shaheen (DC Action for Children); Michelle Parrish (Ward 5 parent)

6. Prioritizing Recommendations

Council Members

- The Chair shared the Council's work plan moving forward will be structured around recommendations.
- Subcommittees will determine what is needed to operationalize recommendations, establish a reasonable timeline, connect with agencies and offices who are primary and secondary drivers, and recommend specific strategies for completion.
- Chair highlighted the following recommendations where we've been able to gain momentum
 - SN: Amplify new and existing District programs and initiatives for families and their young children to increase awareness and impact.
 - SN: Create a systems-level map of resources and supports for families and providers
 - SN: Work with government and non-government organizations to increase language access and programming for families who cannot or have a limited capacity to speak, read, and/or write in English.
 - MH: Utilize the Mayor's Maternal & Infant Health Initiative to highlight programming identify issues and opportunities, and garner support for additional funding in the perinatal health space.



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- MH: Work with birthing hospitals throughout the District to include information about developmental milestones and early intervention in discharge packets for parents.
- ELD: Partner with direct service agencies to increase access to and utilization of screening and evaluation services for children suspected of having developmental delays or disabilities.
- ELD: Work with childcare centers, homes, and associations to share information about Thrive by Five and other agencies supporting maternal health and early learning for families they serve.

7. Other Member Updates

Council Members

- None raised.

8. Additional Comments & Next Steps

Council Members

- Chair reminded members that meeting materials are available via OneDrive. Chair also shared hopes for collaboration in the future.

9. Adjournment

Council Chair

- Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Any comments regarding these meeting minutes may be sent to Tiffany Wilson at tiffany.wilson@dc.gov.